



**Minutes of the
EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES BOARD
September 29th, 2021**

The meeting of the Emergency Medical Services Board opened at 9:00 am in the Iris Room at 665 Mainstream Drive, Nashville, Tennessee.

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 9:00 am CDST.

The Chairperson had Ms. Ferguson to conduct a roll call with the following results.					
Board Member's Name	Present	Absent	Board Member's Name	Present	Absent
Chrm Dr. Sullivan Smith	X		Twila Rose	X	
Jeff Beaman	X		James Ross RN	X	
Dr. Seth Brown	X		Dennis Rowe	X	
Greg Miller	X		Tim Strange	X	
Brad Phillips	X		Tyler White		X
Randy Porter	X		Jeanne Yeatman RN	X	
Brian Robinson		X	13 Present; 0 Absent; A quorum was declared		

Also, present:

- Brandon Ward Director Office of Emergency Medical Services
- Hansel Cook Assistant EMS Director
- Joe Holley MD State Medical Director
- Paul Richards Legal Counsel
- Steve Hamby Region 2 EMS Consultant
- Nita Jernigan Region 3 EMS Consultant
- Brian Tompkins Region 4 EMS Consultant
- Dwight Davis Region 5 EMS Consultant
- Kevin Cagle Region 7 EMS Consultant
- Mike Duck Region 8 EMS Consultant
- Randall Kirby EMS Consultant at Large
- Tory Ferguson Regulatory Board Administrative Assistant 2

APPROVAL OF THE 06/16/2021 and 08/30/2021 MINUTES – Motion by Mr. Strange to accept as presented and seconded by Mr. Porter. Motion passed on voice vote.

Legislative Update

There was no report.

OGC Report

- Presented by Mr. Richards
- There are 42 open cases; however, there is none to be presented today.
- Conflict of Interest Statement and policy was presented.

- There is a high probability that the meeting in December will be a two (2) day meeting.

TnPAP Report

Teresa Phillips came to the Board and presented report. There was no questions from the Board for Ms. Phillips. Ms. Phillips introduced Dr. Barry Lublin who was the Toxicology Medical Review Officer. He spoke on CBD and THC positive drug screens. There is no way to differentiate between a positive result from use of CBD or THC.

Recognition

Director Ward recognized the EMS Education Programs that had a 100% initial NREMT exam pass rate: Knoxville FD for EMT and Columbia State, Chattanooga State, Southwest Technical, and Jackson State for Paramedic.

Applicant Approval

Jeremy Freeman came before the Board to explain his situation as to Criminal Background Check and seek permission to continue into EMS education and seek licensure.

Motion by Mr. Rowe and seconded by Ms. Yeatman that with completion of education process to be allowed to sit for licensure exam.							
Board Member's Name	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Board Member's Name	Aye	Nay	Abstain
Chrm Dr. Sullivan Smith	X			Twila Rose	X		
Jeff Beaman	X			James Ross RN	X		
Dr. Seth Brown	X			Dennis Rowe	X		
Greg Miller	X			Tim Strange	X		
Brad Phillips	X			Tyler White	Absent		
Randy Porter	X			Jeanne Yeatman RN	X		
Brian Robinson	Absent			11 Aye; 0 Nay; Motion Passed			

Chairman called a ten-minute recess.

Air Ambulance Committee Report

They did meet but no action that required Board action.

Ambulance Committee Report

They did meet but no action that required Board action.

Clinical Issue Committee Report

Dr. Holley reviewed the discussions that was held in the Committee meeting on numerous topics.

Motion by Mr. Strange and seconded by Dr. Brown to approve changes to the Required Equipment List as recommended by the CIC.							
Board Member's Name	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Board Member's Name	Aye	Nay	Abstain
Chrm Dr. Sullivan Smith	X			Twila Rose	X		
Jeff Beaman	X			James Ross RN	X		
Dr. Seth Brown	X			Dennis Rowe	X		
Greg Miller	X			Tim Strange	X		
Brad Phillips	X			Tyler White	X		

Randy Porter	X			Jeanne Yeatman RN	X		
Brian Robinson	Absent			11 Aye; 0 Nay; Motion Passed			

Motion by Mr. Ross and seconded by Mr. Strange to incorporate or the use of telemedicine in the Tennessee EMS Profession.

Board Member's Name	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Board Member's Name	Aye	Nay	Abstain
Chrm Dr. Sullivan Smith	X			Twila Rose	X		
Jeff Beaman	X			James Ross RN	X		
Dr. Seth Brown	X			Dennis Rowe	X		
Greg Miller	X			Tim Strange	X		
Brad Phillips	X			Tyler White	X		
Randy Porter	X			Jeanne Yeatman RN	X		
Brian Robinson	Absent			12 Aye; 0 Nay; Motion Passed			

Motion by Mr. Porter and seconded by Mr. White for the Board to write a letter of support for the Rural Care Connect Grant.

Board Member's Name	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Board Member's Name	Aye	Nay	Abstain
Chrm Dr. Sullivan Smith	Recused			Twila Rose	X		
Jeff Beaman	X			James Ross RN	X		
Dr. Seth Brown	Recused			Dennis Rowe	X		
Greg Miller	X			Tim Strange	X		
Brad Phillips	X			Tyler White	X		
Randy Porter	X			Jeanne Yeatman RN	Recused		
Brian Robinson	Absent			9 Aye; 0 Nay; 3 Recused; Motion Passed			

COPEC Report

A report was received on the activities of the Committee.

Continuing Education Committee

Mr. Kirk Harris gave a report of the last meeting of the Committee and no Board activity was needed.

Initial Education Committee

A report was received on the Committee activities, but no Board action was needed.

TASA Report

Andrew Reed came before the Board to request an emergency rule be drafted and passed to extend Executive Order 83.

Motion by Mr. White and seconded by Mr. Strange to draft and emergency rule to remove the F endorsement and lower the driver's age limit to 18 years old.

Board Member's Name	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Board Member's Name	Aye	Nay	Abstain
Chrm Dr. Sullivan Smith	X			Twila Rose	X		
Jeff Beaman	Absent			James Ross RN	X		

Dr. Seth Brown	X			Dennis Rowe	X		
Greg Miller	X			Tim Strange	X		
Brad Phillips	X			Tyler White	X		
Randy Porter	X			Jeanne Yeatman RN	X		
Brian Robinson	Absent			11 Aye; 0 Nay; Motion Passed			

Trauma Council

No report.

Application Request

Ms. Catherine Boulange appeared before the Board to request her licensure application be approved.

Motion by Mr. Porter and seconded by Mr. Strange approve reciprocity of her license upon completion of the TnPAP prescription.							
Board Member's Name	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Board Member's Name	Aye	Nay	Abstain
Chrm Dr. Sullivan Smith	X			Twila Rose	X		
Jeff Beaman	Absent			James Ross RN	X		
Dr. Seth Brown	X			Dennis Rowe	X		
Greg Miller	X			Tim Strange	X		
Brad Phillips	X			Tyler White	X		
Randy Porter	X			Jeanne Yeatman RN	X		
Brian Robinson	Absent			11 Aye; 0 Nay; Motion Passed			

State Director's Report

Director Ward presented the Initial Pass Rates for the Educational Programs for the third quarter.

He also presented the Ambulance Report.

Old Business

None

New Business

Amerimed Issue

A representative appeared before the Board to discuss a concern.

Motion by Mr. Phillips and seconded by Mr. Rowe to send the issue to the Ambulance Committee for clarification and any recommendations to the Board.							
Board Member's Name	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Board Member's Name	Aye	Nay	Abstain
Chrm Dr. Sullivan Smith	X			Twila Rose	X		
Jeff Beaman	Absent			James Ross RN	X		
Dr. Seth Brown	X			Dennis Rowe	X		
Greg Miller	X			Tim Strange	X		
Brad Phillips	X			Tyler White	X		

Randy Porter	X			Jeanne Yeatman RN	X		
Brian Robinson	Absent			11 Aye; 0 Nay; Motion Passed			

Motion by Mr. Ross and seconded by Ms. Yeatman for Amerimed to fall in compliance as designated by the Office of EMS in they have a license in every county.

Board Member's Name	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Board Member's Name	Aye	Nay	Abstain
Chrm Dr. Sullivan Smith	X			Twila Rose	X		
Jeff Beaman	Absent			James Ross RN	X		
Dr. Seth Brown	X			Dennis Rowe	X		
Greg Miller	X			Tim Strange	X		
Brad Phillips	X			Tyler White	X		
Randy Porter	X			Jeanne Yeatman RN	X		
Brian Robinson	Absent			11 Aye; 0 Nay; Motion Passed			

The next meeting of the Board is scheduled for December. The Chairman did advise the Board that there is a high probability of it being both days.

A motion was received to adjourn with multiple seconds. Motion carried on voice vote.